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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection**  
**For Week Ending 30-Sep-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 09/30/00	Previous Week 09/23/00
Bro-Fry	156,882	159,439
Lt Hens	1,617	1,659
Hvy Hens	1,585	1,670

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada**  
**Weeks Ending 23-Sep-00 (Thousand Head)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	492	0	492
Last Week	401	0	401
Same Wk Yr Ago	416	5	421
To Date 2000	17,733	291	18,024
To Date 1999	17,862	204	18,066

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

**Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,210	1,658	3,868
Last Week	2,214	1,570	3,784
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,410	1,662	4,072
To Date 2000	90,803	55,143	145,946
To Date 1999	97,978	52,980	150,958

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection**  
**Week Ending 23-Sep-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	155,155(A)	1,718	1,658	3,376
Avg Wt	5.03	3.26	7.99	5.58
Last Week	160,820	1,813	1,570	3,383
Same Week Yr Ago	155,941	1,994	1,657	3,651
Avg Wt	5.04	3.48	7.72	5.41
To-Date/2000	5,880,556	73,070	54,852	127,922
To-Date/1999	5,762,583	80,116	52,776	132,892

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 150.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157 million head or 6.8 million head less than or 105 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,  
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending September 16, 2000**

(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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Head	30,943	40,852	32,411
Avg Weight	3.77	4.77	6.19
% Of Total /1	30%	39%	31%
Comparisons			
Last Week	23,867	18,621	25,522
Avg Weight	3.75	4.78	6.13
% Of Total /1	35%	27%	38%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	24,073	42,288	40,075
Avg Weight	3.84	4.75	6.07
% Of Total /1	23%	40%	38%

To Date/2000	1,228,144	1,226,755	1,490,149
To Date/1999	1,192,988	1,143,427	1,507,449

/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding

/2 Comparable Week

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 23-Sep-00  
(Thousand Head)**

	Young Hens	(B) Toms	Young Breeder	Old Breeder	Total
Head	2,352	3,009	60	23	5,444
Avg Wt	15.71	31.57	24.59	27.67	24.62
Head Sltr Comparisons					
Last Week 06/03/00	2,286	2,909	52	47	5,294
Same Week Yr Ago	5,763 (C)		23	49	5,835
Avg Wt	24.51 (C)		24.74	26.06	24.52
To-Date/2000	178,672 (C)		1,060	1,059	180,791
To-Date/1999	182,466 (C)		582	1,369	184,417
CHECK TOTAL	12,491,119	168,112	120,022	279,702	420,671

(B) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.  
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